

Base construction woes only temporary Gate upgrades improving Holloman traffic, security

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As Holloman’s anti-terrorism measures increase base-wide, more construction will be required to fulfill Air Combat Command requirements.

This construction will give way to new entry points at the main, west and La Luz gates that are designed to improve the flow of traffic while maintaining force protection conditions.

Mr. Michael McBride, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron project manager, said the \$1.5 million construction project will benefit the base by easing morning congestion.

“By moving the main gate north, we have made it much safer for drivers entering the base from Highway 70,” Mr. McBride said. “This will allow the flow of traffic to stay constant and reduce congestion on the highway.”

With the walls going up and new architecturally-friendly canopies being constructed, some

streets will be cut off from leaving the base. Beginning in February, Mesquite Road will be cut off, leaving a dead end at First Street. Mr. McBride said drivers will need to use Martin Avenue to exit base housing.

“The changes to the gates will probably cause no inconvenience to Holloman members,” he said. “The construction at the main gate will maintain two inbound lanes and one outbound lane at all times.”

Commercial traffic will still be required to enter the base from the

west gate entrance.

Upgrades to the La Luz gate, scheduled to end in February, will allow for the entrance to handle incoming commercial traffic better.

Holloman members can also look forward to a state-of-the-art pop up barrier system and a “smart” gate that will require the members to swipe their ID card for entry.

For more information on traffic patterns and construction on base, call the 49th CES engineering flight at 572-3125.



Mr. Eulogio Rojas cuts a steel cable Wednesday to form an iron shell to harden concrete while it's poured. The iron shell will be used to support concrete islands that will form three lanes entering into Holloman from the La Luz gate.



Courtesy graphic

This artist’s conception of the main gate guard shack will include canopies over the inbound lanes. In the future, a state-of-the-art pop up barrier will be placed for instant use.



Team Holloman members are reminded to slow down as they leave the base on First Street. The road curves outward, making room for a new guard shack to be completed in February.



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Mr. Jorge Lazo, craftsman, works to form reinforcement bars used to support concrete while it's poured. The bars will support concrete islands that will form three lanes entering into Holloman from the La Luz gate.